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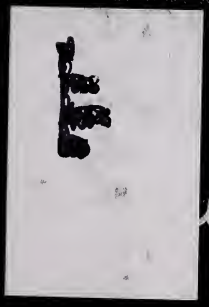

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Biography

RALPH EDWIN CHURCH was born on a farm near Catlin, Vermilion County, Ill., May 5, 1883; attended the public schools; was graduated from the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor in 1907 and from the law department of Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill., in 1909; was admitted to the bar in 1909 and commenced practice in Chicago, Ill.; elected to the State house of representatives in 1916, resigning during the First World War to attend the Reserve Officers' Training Camp; again a member of the State house of representatives 1917–32; lieutenant commander in the United States Naval Reserve 1938–41; elected as a Republican to the Seventy-fourth, Seventy-fifth, and Seventy-sixth Congresses (January 3, 1935–January 3, 1941); was not a candidate for renomination in 1940, but was an unsuccessful candidate for the nomination for United States Senator; delegate to the Interparliamentary Conference at Oslo, Norway, in 1939; again elected to the Seventy-eighth and to the three succeeding Congresses and served from January 3, 1943, until his death March 21, 1950, while appearing before the Committee on Expenditures in the Executive Departments, in the House Office Building, Washington, D. C.; interment in Memorial Park, Skokie, Ill.

In the House of Representatives

TUESDAY, *March 28, 1950.*

Mr. REGAN. Mr. Speaker, I offer a resolution (H. Res. 521) and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

Resolved, That on Wednesday, the 17th day of May 1950, immediately after the approval of the Journal, the House shall stand in recess for the purpose of holding memorial services as arranged by the Committee on House Administration under the provisions of clause (1) (j) (2) (C) of rule XI of the Rules of the House of Representatives. The order of exercises and proceedings of the service shall be printed in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on the life, character, and public service of deceased Members. At the conclusion of the proceedings, the Speaker shall call the House to order and then as a further mark of respect to the memories of the deceased he shall declare the House adjourned.

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The resolution was agreed to.

Memorial Services
in the
House of Representatives

Eighty-first Congress
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Memorial Service Program

Prelude, sacred selections (11:30 to 12)
United States Air Force Symphony Orchestra

Presiding officer----------The Speaker, Hon. Sam Rayburn

Invocation----------The Chaplain, Rev. Bernard Braskamp, D. D.

A cappella Emmette Spiritum (Schuetky), Lord's Prayer (Malott)
USAF Band Glee Club

Scripture reading and prayer----------The Chaplain

Roll of deceased Members—The Clerk of the House of Representatives

Devotional silence.

Address----------Hon. Brooks Hays
Representative from the State of Arkansas

Solo: Bless This House (Brahe), Recessional (De Koven)
Master Sgt. Glenn Darwin, USAF

Address----------Hon. John Davis Lodge
Representative from the State of Connecticut

Taps----------Master Sgt. Arthur Will

Echo----------Staff Sgt. Carl Costenbader

Benediction----------The Chaplain

Ralph Edwin Church

Memorial Services

WEDNESDAY, *May 17, 1950.*

The SPEAKER of the House of Representatives (Mr. Rayburn) presided.

The Chaplain, Rev. Bernard Braskamp, D. D.:

Almighty God, in the life of each of us there are times when all our feelings seem to impose silence.

Grant that in this hour of sacred memory we may enter into a blessed communion with Thy Spirit, and the spirit of all upon whom Thou hast bestowed the glorious benediction, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

Hear us for the sake of the Christ, our Saviour. Amen.

The United States Air Force Band Glee Club sang a cappella Emmette Spiritum (Schuetky) and Lord's Prayer (Malott).

The CHAPLAIN. The Scripture readings are taken from the Old and New Testaments.

Psalm 85:

I will hear what God the Lord will say, for He will speak peace unto His people and to His saints.

Psalm 90:

Lord, Thou hast been our dwelling place in all generations. Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever Thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, Thou art God.

So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.

Then from the New Testament these gracious words which were spoken by our blessed Lord:

John 14:

Let not your heart be troubled; ye believe in God, believe also in me.

In my Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.

And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you unto Myself, that where I am there ye may be also.

Peace I leave with you, My peace I give unto you; not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

In St. Paul's great chapter on the resurrection, the fifteenth of First Corinthians, we find these words:

Now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the first fruits of them that slept.

For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead.

For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, for as much as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.

May God add His blessing to these readings from His holy word.

The closing verses from the poem entitled "Victory," by Alfred Noyes:

"There's but one gift that all our dead desire,
One gift that men can give, and that's a dream,
Unless we, too, can burn with that same fire
Of sacrifice: die to the things that seem;
"Die to the little hatreds; die to greed;
Die to the old ignoble selves we knew;
Die to the base contempts of sect and creed,
And rise again, like these, with souls as true.
"Nay (since these died before their task was finished)
Attempt new heights, bring even their dreams to birth—
Build us that better world, Oh, not diminished
By one true splendor that they planned on earth.
"And that's not done by sword, or tongue, or pen,
There's but one way. God make us better men."

Let us pray.

Most merciful and gracious God, the God of our fathers and of their succeeding generations, through Thy holy word Thou has spoken and in our hearts Thy voice is heard.

Thou art the author and disposer of human life, from whom our spirits have come and unto whom they return.

We thank Thee for Thy servants who walked and worked with us for a little while upon this earth and who now are with Thee in heavenly blessedness, having received, as the reward of their faith and their fidelity, the salvation of their souls.

We rejoice that whatever was noble and beautiful in their life, in Thy sight and in our sight, abides forever. We bless Thee for the glorious testimony that they sought to serve their generation according to Thy holy will and were numbered among those who do justly, who love mercy, and who walk humbly with the Lord. We have not said "farewell" but only "good night," hoping on some blessed morn to

meet and dwell with them in hallowed union in that land whose language is music and where joys are unceasing.

Grant unto the sorrowing and the lonely the consolation of Thy grace. May they yield themselves without murmur or complaint to the dispensations of Thy providence for Thou dost give and Thou dost take away, and blessed is Thy name forevermore. Help them to lay hold of the peace and the eternal companionship of the Christ.

We pray that Thou will continue to bless our Nation. We are not asking Thee to deal with us in any preferential manner. May we be a people whose God is the Lord.

May we be loyal partners with all who are laboring to build the kingdom of justice and righteousness, the social order in which there shall be peace and good will among men. Enable us to carry on in faith, in faithfulness, and in the fear of the Lord as we daily meet the problems and tasks which challenge the consecration of our noblest manhood and womanhood.

In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

ROLL OF DECEASED MEMBERS

Mr. Alney E. Chaffee, reading clerk of the House of Representatives, read the following roll:

BERT HENRY MILLER, a Senator from the State of Idaho: Born December 15, 1879; lawyer; graduate Brigham Young University 1901 and Cumberland University Law School; prosecuting attorney of Fremont County, Idaho, 1912–14; elected attorney general of Idaho 1934, reelected 1936; regional attorney, Fair Labor Standards Act, Seattle, Wash., region; elected justice of Idaho Supreme Court 1944; elected to the United States Senate 1948; died October 8, 1949.

CLYDE MARTIN REED, a Senator from the State of Kansas: Born October 19, 1871; teacher, mail clerk, editor and publisher; secretary to the Governor of Kansas in 1919; appointed member Kansas Court of Industrial Relations 1920; chairman of the Kansas Public Utilities Commission 1921–24; Governor of Kansas 1929–31; elected to the United States Senate 1938, reelected 1944; died November 8, 1949.

RICHARD JOSEPH WELCH, Fifth Congressional District of California: Born February 13, 1869; machinist; State senator 1901–13; harbor master, port of San Francisco, 1903–07; supervisor city and county of San Francisco, 1916–26; member of the Seventieth to the Eighty-first Congresses, inclusive (12 successive Congresses); died September 10, 1949.

GEORGE JOSEPH BATES, Sixth Congressional District of Massachusetts: Born February 25, 1891; member State house of representatives, 1918–24; mayor of Salem, 1924–37; Member of the Seventy-fifth and six succeeding Congresses; died November 1, 1949.

MARTIN GORSKI, Fifth Congressional District of Illinois: Born October 30, 1886; lawyer; graduate Chicago Law School, 1917; assistant State's attorney, Cook County, 1918–20; master in chancery, superior court, Cook County, 1929–42; Member of the Seventy-eighth to the Eighty-first Congresses, inclusive; died December 4, 1949.

SCHUYLER OTIS BLAND, First Congressional District of Virginia: Born May 4, 1872; teacher; lawyer; attended Gloucester Academy and William and Mary College; president of the Chamber of Commerce of Newport News, and vice president, Virginia State Bar Association; Member of the Sixty-fifth to the Eighty-first Congresses, inclusive (17 consecutive Congresses); died February 16, 1950.

RALPH EDWIN CHURCH, Thirteenth Congressional District of Illinois: Born May 5, 1883; lawyer; graduate University of Michigan, 1907, and Northwestern University, 1909; member State house of representatives, 1916–32; lieutenant commander, United States Naval Reserve, 1938–41; delegate, Interparliamentary Conference, Oslo, Norway, 1939; Member, Seventy-fourth to the Seventy-sixth and Seventy-eighth to the Eighty-first Congresses; died March 21, 1950.

Mrs. NORTON, a Representative from the State of New Jersey, standing in front of the Speaker's rostrum, placed a memorial rose in a vase as the name of each deceased Member was read by the Clerk.

There followed a period of devotional silence, during which the Members stood.

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Arkansas [Mr. Hays].

Hon. BROOKS HAYS, a Representative from the State of Arkansas, delivered the following address:

ADDRESS BY HON. BROOKS HAYS

Mr. HAYS of Arkansas. Mr. Speaker this is one of the occasions when it is appropriate to speak of the unity the House of Representatives cherishes. We wish to accentuate our common creed, to contemplate the common experience of death and our common faith which triumphs over it.

The story of a man's life is never told in the offices he holds, or the honors he receives. It is only inadequately related in the things he does. It is only as we come in close contact with our fellow men and by the kind of intimate associations treasured here, learn to know what a man believes, that we really come to understand and appreciate him. By these associations we learned something of the loyalties and convictions of our departed colleagues and today we make a record of our appraisal of their indefinable qualities of soul which found expression here. Now we assume the rather difficult role of honoring them, difficult because we touch a very tender theme and a delicate one, but it is altogether proper for us to rejoice in honoring them.

I think one would have to endure some of the hard tests of service here to understand the depth of our affection and admiration for them. If one sees only the surface, he might mistake our disputes for distrust. One would have to know something of these experiences that exhibit a sharp clash of opinion to understand that underneath are abiding friendships and mutual confidence.

It was not my privilege to know either of the Senators, either Senator REED or Senator MILLER, but as I read the eulogies that were paid to them I could understand some-

thing of the sense of grief that pervaded the ranks of the Senate when they passed on.

I read of Senator REED, of Kansas, for example, that he was "a great legislator, a great pioneer, a great American." And then there was an interesting line, "the most colorful warrior that his State had produced in the battle of his day."

I read of Senator MILLER, of Idaho, that "his life was a shining example of unselfish service to his fellow man," and that "he was a noble person."

I was in the Chamber of the House on most of the occasions when the passing of our five Members was announced. Their closest friends stood and rendered honest tribute. I have reflected upon those things that were said of them. I was impressed, too, by the characterizations that were used with reference to all of them. That is, each of them was "fearless, honest, able, persevering, conscientious, generous, strong, and kind."

Then there are the special observations about each life and career. Some of the finest eulogies put into the Record are from those who had not been associated with them here, but were evidently based upon a close study of their public service. There was that interesting comment of Archbishop Cushing, of Boston, for example, upon the life of GEORGE J. BATES, of Massachusetts, "More men knew the merits of the man than knew the man himself." Since each of the Members represented close to a third of a million people and were known outside their districts in many areas for distinguished public service, it might well have been said of them all.

It was said of GEORGE BATES in addition, "He was a man of expansive human sympathy; completely devoted to the public welfare; truly a great American."

Of RICHARD J. WELCH, of California—and these were the words of the majority leader, Mr. McCormack, who sat on the opposite side of the aisle, that "he was an ideal gentleman, a perfect legislator."

Of MARTIN GORSKI, of Illinois, that he was "a man of high principles, an unassuming friend, an effective public servant."

Of SCHUYLER OTIS BLAND, of Virginia, that he was "modest, scholarly, and tolerant," and the words of the Speaker of the House, Mr. Rayburn, "he was one of the greatest souls that it has ever been my privilege to know."

Of my friend RALPH CHURCH: "Earnest, sincere; he built his career upon conviction"; and that in his service of community, State, and Nation, "he conformed to the standards of a Christian." These short biographies tell us a lot about the men of whom they were spoken. They relate to what each believed and what each did in consonance with that belief. These testimonies reflected the life of faith, and as Thomas Carlyle said, "A man's faith, or his lack of it, is the most considerable part of him."

So, Mr. Speaker, here we have exemplified the elements of faith. These men all believed in something, and it bears out the point that I think I made in the beginning, they had convictions. It is always difficult to speak of religion without being obstrusive or being misunderstood, yet I think the people of the Nation would like to know that their Representatives find time in which to do it appropriately, and they would certainly wish us to honor these men in their faith and religious ideals.

The total service of the seven was slightly in excess of a hundred years, their legislative achievements were enormous. As long as the Republic shall stand, perhaps, the impact of their minds will be felt in our legislative policy. Yet, Mr. Speaker, a man does not live in his craftsmanship. I do not disparage it, but a legislative monument is insecure and impermanent, for laws are changed, and the policies that we all help devise, so valuable at the hour, will be altered.

Neither can a man live in the sustained recognition of his family. As a parent and grandparent, I have that normal pride in my own family. I would like to think that 400 years

from now my name will be perpetuated, but I am impressed by this thought, if four centuries later someone should bear my name, 2,047 other people—and this is an unalterable biologic principle—would have contributed as much to his heritage as I.

No, even though this is a noble impulse and worthy, a man cannot live by pride of family alone, any more than he can live in legislative glory.

Neither can a man live in the physical things that he helps to create. Every one of us in our travels over the country is impressed with the fact that communities constantly seek to honor their Representatives in the Congress.

I was in Syracuse the other day, and I saw the very handsome memorial to our friend, Clarence Hancock. I think that is typical.

A man cannot live in the bridges and buildings or dams or airports or highways that he helps to build. RICHARD WELCH, for example, is identified with the Golden Gate Bridge. But considering the ephemeral nature of life itself, some day that great structure may be destroyed. Its superstructure may lie beneath the restless waters of the sea because a more ingenious people will replace it with something that better fits their times.

A man must live in something else. He may surely live in attachment to immortal principles. What I would like to say out of the depth of my great appreciation for these men is that by attaching themselves to things that are infinite and eternal they knew one phase of immortality. The older I grow the more convinced I am of the necessity for interpreting, for example, the ideal of justice. It is not abstract at all. It has reality for all men eventually in some human experience. This delicate and important instrument which the people commit to us their lawmakers is to be used with that sense of its serving an infinite force, an undying influence in life—the attainment of justice.

We are only partly right, though it represents a great American ideal, when we say that ours is a Government of laws and not of men. For that ideal itself would fail unless it be a government of laws, good laws, administered by righteous men. Something like this was perhaps in the mind of Cicero, when he said:

> True law is right reason, consonant with nature, everlasting and unchanging. It does not differ for Rome or for Athens, but one law shall be for all times and all people. We cannot repeal that law; we cannot be relieved by any legislature of the obligations which it imposes, and we do not need to look outside ourselves for the true expounder of it.

Another pillar in the structure of faith is one's belief about man himself. When the prophet spoke of man as of "few days and full of trouble, like a flower he is cut down," he was speaking gloomily of death, which is only one aspect of life, and one has but to turn a few pages to come upon an equally authentic view, that of the psalmist who said, "What is man that Thou art mindful of him? Thou hast made him a little lower than the angels and hast crowned him with glory and honor," and then a thought that has thrilling implications for the philosophy of free government, "Thou madest him to have dominion." This high opinion of man's capacity for self-government is the basis of our institutions in the West. It finds expression in the Declaration of Independence whose author believed in the spiritual origin of our rights and liberties. Here are the moral bonds that unite us. "We hold these truths," said Jefferson—and "we" means all—not the Jeffersonians but the Hamiltonians as well, not the Virginians but the New Englanders and all colonists as well. We, the people of a free land, have built upon the foundations of faith.

Here, Mr. Speaker, is an American doctrine worthy of perpetuation. It follows that if we think sound thoughts about man, viewing him as God's creation, we will think soundly about his human society. The good life is devoted to putting

moral content into political institutions. It is the one thing that the forces of materialism cannot conquer. The blandishments of those who think only in terms of power will be unavailing against a good man. This was the thought of Ernest Hocking when he said:

> It is only a religious faith reaching the ultimate solitudes of the soul, for which our pleasing amiabilities are but husks, that can create the unpurchasable man, and it is only man, unpurchasable by any society, that can create the sound society.

For fullest consolation in the loss of these friends we reach out eagerly for the hope that is found in the writings of great men of the past. For what men think of death is also distinguishing. They have told us in ways that vary with the moods in which they wrote what they believed death to be like, and they have helped us. For whatever our fears, we, too, believe it is but an interlude, a temporary separation. We like to think of it as the gateway to a larger life. It is, as the poet said, "but the velvet footstep of the Father himself. His voice so low and His step so soft, that we cannot see or hear Him."

When death comes to a colleague and grief spreads through our ranks, we feel as Douglas Malloch did when his friend, Emerson Hough, passed away—

> To all eternity he binds us.
> He links the planet and the star,
> He rides ahead, the trail he finds us,
> And where he is and where we are will never seem again so far.

It is difficult, Mr. Speaker, to find something new to say. It is hardly worth the struggle. We can draw upon these great resources of the past, and without apology I offer them today. Even the great Robert Ingersoll, almost afraid to grasp the hope of a reunion with his loved ones and so intellectually honest that he never avowed a strong faith, voiced a beautiful aspiration when he said, "in the night of death, hope sees a star and listening love can hear the rustle of an angel's wing."

I hope, therefore, Mr. Speaker, in the songs that are sung and the things that are said, and in the rich thought of mighty minds repeated we may renew our belief that God has planned a greater destiny for us.

The gentleman from Virginia [Mr. Smith] said, when Judge BLAND went away, that he believed the arduous duties of the war had shortened his life. I am not sure but that that is not rather typical and that it is fair to say, without exalting ourselves nor stressing the importance of our position, that the hazards of legislative service are indeed great. I am sure of this—that since we live in one of the most difficult periods of human history, I dare say that other dangers are ahead.

Therefore, in closing let me repeat the lines that a British sergeant wrote in the midst of his peril during the Second World War:

Almighty and All Present Power,
Brief is the prayer I make of Thee.
I do not ask, in battle hour,
For any shield to cover me.

The vast unalterable way,
From which the stars do not depart,
May not be turned aside to stay
The bullet flying toward my heart.

I ask no power to strike the foe,
I seek no petty victory here.
The enemy I hate, I know
To God is also dear.

But this I ask; be at my side
When death is flying through the sky.
Almighty God, who also died,
Teach me the way that I should die.

We thank God for these good men. It is the finest epitaph that could be written, and it has been said of each, "He was a good man."

Therefore, Mr. Speaker, it was not in the buildings they erected nor their legislative achievements, but in their beliefs,

their loyalties, their convictions, the hopes they raised, the fears they dispelled, and the sound beliefs which they strengthened, that they built their greatest monument.

Master Sgt. Glenn Darwin, United States Air Force, sang Bless This House, by Brahe; and Recessional, by De Koven.

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Connecticut [Mr. Lodge].

Hon. JOHN DAVIS LODGE, a Representative from the State of Connecticut, delivered the following address:

ADDRESS BY HON. JOHN DAVIS LODGE

Mr. LODGE. Mr. Speaker, it is altogether fitting that we should pause amid the din and dust of our daily existence to pay our respects to those Members of Congress who have recently been gathered to their fathers. Since we assembled in this Chamber on a similar occasion a year ago two Senators and five Representatives have crossed the bar. We are met to commemorate their passing. We are convened to mourn their absence from these halls. But our meeting here has, it seems to me, a significance beyond the natural sadness which we feel at the irremediable departure of these friends. For just as theirs were lives of service so must we on this occasion resolve to continue in that service with resourcefulness, with imagination, and with courage. Only in that way can we justify their peacetime sacrifice and the wartime sacrifice of so many others.

I call the roll:

Senator BERT HENRY MILLER, Idaho.

Senator CLYDE MARTIN REED, Kansas.

Representative RICHARD JOSEPH WELCH, California.

Representative GEORGE JOSEPH BATES, Massachusetts.

Representative MARTIN GORSKI, Illinois.

Representative SCHUYLER OTIS BLAND, Virginia.

Representative RALPH EDWIN CHURCH, Illinois.

These are the men whose lives and whose work we eulogize today. These colleagues of ours made an indelible imprint upon the legislative history of their time.

This moving occasion should, I am convinced, be one not merely of commemoration but rather of rededication to the timeless truths for which they worked and struggled and died. Ours is the torch and we must carry on. Our constructive action is the noblest monument which we can erect in their memory.

Joined with us here today are the friends and relatives of the men who in recent months have made the great discovery. We stretch out our hands to them in friendly remembrance. We open our hearts to them with understanding and with compassion.

This is an occasion of dignity and tenderness in which the memory of these upright and devoted public servants lingers like a perfume on a summer breeze. It is a time for poignant recollection.

This memorial service is an apt tribute. It is most appropriately a permanent part of the report of the activities of the Congress. It testifies to the lasting place which they will occupy in the minds and hearts of those who loved them and knew them. It is a confession of our regard for their accomplishments and of our respect for their memory.

As we meet many of us can recall with nostalgic vividness the idiosyncracies, the indefinable charms and gestures of each of these men. Their personalities return to us with touching clarity. We who serve in the Congress are bound together by a common experience irrespective of party. All of us have been through gruelling campaigns. We, their colleagues, know that in the Congress no one can dissemble for very long. A Member who gains influence and distinction does so because of his intrinsic worth. He does so by virtue of his character and ability. The vital opportunities for useful employment and effort which we regard as involving

the essential welfare of the American people exist in these halls in terms of service to mankind. And while we have violent differences of opinion and sometimes harsh words are spoken there is a basic sense of fellowship which suffuses all our doings and which in times of common stress and strain unite us in friendship.

We grieve. But we do not grieve for these men who now are a part of the mysterious immensities which circumscribe our lives. We grieve because we shall miss them. We shall miss these friendly associations. We shall miss their vigorous participation in the work of the Congress.

Yet, this is no time to strain with desperate longing against the chasm which seems insuperably to separate us from them. We, too, are a fateful part of the events which have carried them beyond our pale. We cannot stem the rush of the resistless hours. The days of our years are numbered. Some day we shall join them. We, the living, are a part of their infinity. Let us therefore not beat our breasts in helpless anguish but rather leave our spirits bare to feel the truth they cannot understand.

We are living in urgent times, times in which men search their hearts and minds for at least a few answers to the great and grievous problems with which we are beset. These are, indeed, times which try men's souls. The first half of the twentieth century has been critical, difficult, full of change. Man is passing through a great Gethsemane of moral readjustments to the machine which he has created. Those to whom we pay tribute today have gone from this worldly tempest of doubt and indecision into the soothing calmness and serenity of that long lagoon to which there is no ending. They have served their fellow man. Their day on earth is done. They have been tried and not found wanting. They have gone to their just reward. They live in the enduring quality of their achievements and in the fond recollections of those who knew and loved them. We remain.

Peace, peace! he is not dead, he doth not sleep—
He hath awakened from the dream of life—
'Tis we, who lost in stormy visions, keep
With phantoms and unprofitable strife,
And in mad trance, strike with our spirit's knife
Invulnerable nothings—we decay
Like corpses in a charnel; fear and grief
Convulse us and consume us day by day,
And cold hopes swarm like worms within our living clay.
He hath outsoared the shadow of our night;
Envy and calumny and hate and pain,
And that unrest which men miscall delight,
Can touch him not and torture not again;
From the contagion of the world's slow stain
He is secure.

In sober truth we are not secure save in our unassailable faith that liberty is an imperishable truth. Had Patrick Henry said "Give me security or give me death" we would not know his name today. Liberty. It is for this that we must persevere, that we must live our lives. It is for freedom that we must live and be prepared to die. We must reject the arid atheism with which sinister tyrants are attempting to undermine our institutions, to sabotage our freedom, to corrupt our youth, to dissipate our convictions and to deprive both life and death of their meaning. These godless doctrines point the way to dishonor and despair.

We who are destined to remain for a while in our earthly harness must take counsel of our faith rather than of our fears. In the words of Winston Churchill:

> We must be prepared for further efforts of mind and body and further sacrifices to great causes if we are not to fall back into the confusion of aim, the rut of inertia, and the craven fear of being great.

Each of us must do his allotted task in an effort to meet successfully the grim and somber challenge which is crowding down upon us from every corner of the globe. Then when we shall be called to join our dear departed colleagues it shall be said of us, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant."

Life's diverse inceptions, birth and death, are beyond the comprehension of man. Just as nature abhors a vacuum, so man abhors the word death. Our hearts grow numb as we contemplate the wide harmonic silences of death. There are no words because there is essentially no end. But there is faith. Faith in an indissoluble identity, faith in our own infinity. This meeting of commemoration and of rededication is also one of celebration. We meet to celebrate the soul. Those with whose spirits we commune today have met the dawn of an eternal sun. Our task here is to assure the soul's advance. Plato said "Time is the moving image of eternity." Eternity is now. The time of revelation is now. We are the trustees, the repositories of all the innumerable yesterdays of time. We are the harbingers of onward latent long millenniums. We can take heart from the sure knowledge that our opportunities for useful service, for dynamic leadership are equal to our grave responsibilities.

The challenge which faces us who have chosen public service as our mission is essentially the same challenge which has always faced the people's representatives. It is, in its basic elements, the challenge which faces the people of America. We bring that challenge into sharp focus. We must have vision for "where there is no vision the people perish."

This age-old challenge has been given a wonderful clarity and an exciting substance by the turbulent events of the last few decades. We know "deep down in that dumb region of the heart in which we dwell alone" that we cannot meet this challenge merely with procedural devices and man-made machinery. There must be the massive motive power of a moral force. Even the atom bomb will move to the measure of men's thoughts. We shall be hoist with our own delinquency if in this spiritual emergency we rely solely on our material prowess. The dialectical materialism of the brutal Communist dogma cannot be combated solely with plans and agreements, equipment and things. Our mate-

rial world will crash in splinters around us unless it has some lofty thoughts to hold it up.

Let us then rededicate ourselves to the sublime truths on which our great Nation was founded and forsake the base and mutable alloy which tempts us to seek refuge in vulgar expediencies, trivial pastimes, and ineffectual felicities. Let us be resolute and meet this onslaught of barbarism as our colleagues have met the challenge of the sunrise. Only in this way can we really escape "the tyranny of time, and brief content of all achievement and prosperity." Let us resolve "to illustrate in thought and word and deed, in life and death, the utmost that we are."

So shall this occasion serve to give us a true perspective of the battle in which we are inextricably engaged. So shall we get a clear and steady view of the one prize that is not counterfeit. So shall we transmit to our successors the soul's divine inheritance. So shall these solemn memorial exercises serve not only to punctuate with reverence and warm regard the end of these precious lives but especially to ignite in the living a vibrant determination that this trembling hour shall be the touchstone for future accomplishments and progressions. So shall we at long last achieve a peace based on freedom, virtue, and reason.

> Well may we know it lies before us still,
> Who are the Pilgrims, as it stretched for them
> Whose pilgrimage is done; the self-same road,
> Hazardous, hard, unknown, which leads afar,
> Thro' lusts and lies, thro' laws and governments,
> Thro' all substantial things and sensible forms.
> And well for us if we may find it out,
> And walk thereon our spiritual way
> Forward to real achievements and progressions—
> Pilgrims, as once they were, in high resolve
> Launched on the Pilgrimage that once was theirs.

Master Sgt. Arthur Will sounded taps, the echo being sounded by Staff Sgt. Carl Costenbader.

The Chaplain pronounced the following benediction:

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you; the Lord lift upon you His countenance and give you peace.

Amen.

The SPEAKER. Pursuant to the provisions of House Resolution 521, as a further mark of respect to the memory of the deceased, the Chair declares the House adjourned until 11 o'clock a. m. tomorrow.

Thereupon (at 1 o'clock and 8 minutes p. m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Thursday, May 18, 1950, at 11 o'clock a. m.

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Remarks by Representative Yates

Of Illinois

Mr. YATES. Mr. Speaker, I am stunned to learn of the sudden passing of my friend and colleague, Representative RALPH E. CHURCH, who represented a district close to the one from which I come in Chicago.

I knew RALPH E. CHURCH before I became a Member of the Eighty-first Congress and always had high respect for his ability. It was not until both of us were placed on the Appropriation Committee's Subcommittee for the District of Columbia, however, that I had an opportunity to observe first hand his talents as a legislator. I was impressed with the enthusiasm and conscientiousness with which he approached his duties. He was a hard worker, and he was always dependable. He never shirked his responsibilities. Each of us who had the privilege of working with him know how much he will be missed.

RALPH E. CHURCH was also a friendly and courageous man, and he possessed, too, a lively sense of humor. Rightly can he be called a fine gentleman in every sense of the word, for he was that in his everyday life.

It is a great sorrow to know that he will no longer be with us. His departure means that the country has lost an able legislator; the State of Illinois a trusted public servant; each of us a friend.

We extend to his wife and children our sincere sympathies. The sense of loss which they feel is shared by all of us.

Remarks by Representative Forand

Of Rhode Island

Mr. FORAND. Mr. Speaker, once again the Grim Reaper has reached into our midst and taken from us our distinguished colleague, the Honorable RALPH E. CHURCH.

This distinguished Member, my good friend, died with his boots on. Death was sudden. In fact, it interrupted our colleague in the middle of a word while he was forcefully presenting his views before one of the great committees of the House of Representatives.

RALPH CHURCH and I did not always see eye to eye on important subjects affecting the general welfare of our great country, but always I respected his views and he respected mine.

He was a gentleman always. His character was above reproach and his determined efforts always were guided by the highest of motives and intended to bring about legislation that in his opinion was for the general welfare of all our people.

RALPH will be missed by all of us, his colleagues. I am sure all join with me in extending to his beloved wife and family our warmest sympathy in their great loss. May they find consolation in the fact that because RALPH CHURCH lived, America is a better place for us to live in.

Remarks by Representative Case

Of South Dakota

Mr. CASE of South Dakota. Mr. Speaker, RALPH CHURCH was a rugged individualist who had the courage to state his convictions bluntly and to stand by them.

His head may have been bloody in verbal battles but it was unbowed. He fought consistently and tenaciously for what he believed to be right.

Before I ever came to Congress I knew of RALPH CHURCH as one of the remembered students at Northwestern University. I was interested in meeting him when I came here 14 years ago. My brother lives in the district he represented and we had many mutual friends.

So his sudden passing strikes me with special force. At such a time one cannot utter all the thoughts that arise. One can only hope that when his time comes he may be remembered as faithful as RALPH CHURCH was to the last minute of his life and extend to his bereaved loved ones our deepest sympathy.

Remarks by Representative Wolverton

Of New Jersey

Mr. WOLVERTON. Mr. Speaker, it is with a deep sense of sorrow the House learns of the sudden passing away of our esteemed colleague, RALPH E. CHURCH, a Representative from the State of Illinois.

The service of Mr. CHURCH in this body has been of an outstanding character. At all times he was alert and aggressive in behalf of those matters that were advantageous to the constituency he represented, and, likewise such matters as would promote the welfare of our Nation and its people.

There has been no Member of this House who was more sincere in the advocacy of the views he held on public questions. He was studious and well prepared on all matters that claimed his attention and interest. He was always actuated by the highest of motives. He was courageous and outspoken where he considered a fundamental principle at stake. We shall miss his presence in the House and the helpful part he took in the business of the House.

We extend to his wife, children, and other loved ones our deep and sincere sympathy.

Remarks by Representative Rankin

Of Mississippi

Mr. RANKIN. Mr. Speaker, today when the sad and shocking news of the death of Hon. RALPH E. CHURCH was announced on the floor of the House, I was not present, but was tied up in a hearing before a Senate committee, and, therefore, did not have the opportunity to pay my humble tribute to this great American at that time.

His sudden passing brought grief to everyone who really knew him. He probably would have preferred to pass out in that manner rather than to linger and suffer for months or years, as others have done.

Someone has said that "After all, it may be best, just in the happiest, sunniest hours of the voyage, while eager winds are kissing every sail, to dash against the unseen rock, and in an instant hear the billows roar above a sunken ship."

Be that as it may, the Members of this Congress will long remember RALPH CHURCH as one of our greatest Americans, one whose loyalty to his country could never be questioned, but who put his devotion to the Nation's welfare above all personal consideration.

My heart goes out, Mr. Speaker, to his elegant wife and his lovely children. They have lost a glorious husband and father.

The people of his district have lost a worthy, conscientious, and patriotic Representative.

The American people have lost one of the greatest friends and defenders our form of government and our American way of life ever had in the Congress of the United States.

God bless his sacred memory.

Remarks by Representative Reed

Of New York

Mr. REED of New York. Mr. Speaker, the sudden passing of our able and esteemed colleague, Hon. RALPH E. CHURCH, of Illinois, came to me as a great shock and personal sorrow. I was unaware until after the death of my good and true friend that for several years past he had labored under the distressing handicap of a serious heart condition. I mention this fact only to emphasize the unyielding fidelity with which, in spite of his affliction, he continued to give the highest order of personal and public service to his constituents and to his country. To RALPH CHURCH public service was a public trust. He was ever true to the principle. My colleagues have paid their tributes in the Congressional Record to our departed friend and colleague, and in all that they have said as to his fine character and distinguished public service I heartily concur, therefore I shall not repeat. I shall, however, touch upon a few of his personal traits which have endeared him to all of us who have served with him in the House of Representatives and to all other persons who have known him. RALPH, as he was affectionately known, loved his fellowmen. Never, when the opportunity presented itself to be helpful and serviceable to any person, no matter how humble, did he fail to respond. He radiated good will and kindness. RALPH'S sympathy for those in trouble was inexhaustible, and no personal sacrifice was too great for him to make to alleviate their distress. I can say this from experience and from the heart.

RALPH CHURCH will be ever known to those of us who have served with him as a man of ability, courage, conviction, and integrity. He has bequeathed a good name as a rich

and priceless heritage to his devoted wife, his children, and his relatives.

Mrs. Reed and I extend our deepest sympathy to Mrs. Church and her children in their great bereavement.

May the God of infinite love comfort, guard, and protect them.

Remarks by Representative Allen

Of Illinois

Mr. ALLEN of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, under permission to extend my remarks, I include an editorial from the Evanston Review, Evanston, Ill., in connection with the death of our beloved colleague, the Honorable RALPH E. CHURCH:

DEATH OF A CONGRESSMAN

The sudden death this week of Congressman RALPH E. CHURCH struck home closely to a vast number of Evanstonians and other residents of this area. Almost continuously since 1918 he had served the interests of the north shore in legislative halls, State and national. He had become almost an institution—a tradition.

From the standpoint of personal attention to the needs and perplexities of his constituents he was close to being the ideal representative. His campaigns for office were invariably conducted on a personal basis. He consistently refused to rely to any great extent on party organization support and insisted on meeting the voters of his district man to man.

In the National Capital, amid the intricacies of Government machinery, he was in a very true sense the personal friend and representative of his constituents. No reasonable request for information, advice, or active assistance was ever refused. He never became too important to listen to the plea of the humblest citizen, and hundreds in this city and this district will testify to his helpful personal assistance at times when dealing with a complex bureaucracy has grown most difficult for the private citizen.

Although his loyalty to his party's welfare never wavered, Mr. CHURCH could not be classed correctly as an organization man. He was an independent within the ranks and as often as not won elections despite organization opposition. Even in the hottest debates his personal honesty and rectitude were never questioned.

Naturally many differed with Mr. CHURCH'S views, but the fact that he was returned again and again to Congress, even in years when his party met severe national defeat, is eloquent testimony that he faithfully represented the political and social philosophy of this large district.

His zeal in the public interest was the cause of his fatal heart attack.

Remarks by Representative Jonas

Of Illinois

Mr. JONAS. Mr. Speaker, I was shocked beyond words when I received word of the sudden death of my intimate friend, Hon. RALPH E. CHURCH, of the Thirteenth District of Illinois.

It had been my privilege to know him intimately for many years in private life as well as a public servant both in the Legislature of the State of Illinois and as a Member of Congress. I knew him in the practice of law in Cook County, Ill., and observed his diligence in the preparation of his cases for his clients. In Congress RALPH E. CHURCH was a conscientious and diligent Member in connection with any problem that he undertook and he displayed the great virtue of patience and a clear and sound concept of the subject matter under consideration. To know him was to admire and respect him. He always had time to do things for others without thought of specific reward or selfish consideration for his own welfare.

As a member of the Legislature of the State of Illinois he was known for his forthright stand and complete devotion to his duty. He was punctual in attendance from the very inception of his public career and thus made a record for which he was respected and commended.

When he became a Member of this House he continued his punctuality and pursued the legislation before this House with zeal and courage. He was not always aligned on the popular side of an issue but always aligned with what he thought to be right for his fellowman and his country.

As a member of the Committee on Naval Affairs of the House he was a tireless worker and contributed much in seeing that our Navy was always maintained in keeping with

its best tradition and so fortified that it might be always prepared for any contingency facing this country. His loyalty and patriotism for his country transcended in importance with him any other problem of private or public purport.

Later as a member of the Committee on Appropriations he contributed his wisdom, long experience, and energy in an effort to see that every dollar appropriated brought a dollar in value to his countrymen and the Nation. He insisted that every item be justified and necessary for the orderly functions of Government.

In private life he was humble and affable and most devoted to his gracious wife and their three children, Ralph E. Church, Jr., William Church, and Marjorie, and those of us who were privileged to know them in their home life will ever remember the cultured atmosphere in which they resided and the serenity and close contact that prevailed among his family.

Knowing RALPH E. CHURCH as we all did, we know that he would want to go as he did, namely fighting for that which he deemed in the interest of our public welfare and carrying on his duties to the very last second of life on this earth. My sincere and heartfelt sympathy goes out to the widow and children in their grief due to the untimely death of this distinguished citizen, statesman, and kind and loving husband and father.

Remarks by Representative Short

Of Missouri

Mr. SHORT. Mr. Speaker, Members of Congress are no better or no worse than the people who send them here. This body is a mirror in which America reflects itself.

RALPH CHURCH was a good man. He had a high sense of public duty. He was honest, industrious, courageous, and he was always willing to help people regardless of their race, party, or creed.

Mr. Speaker, it was my privilege to have spoken in several places in his congressional district—at Waukegan, Evanston, and Wilmette. Indeed, the largest crowd I ever addressed was in Riverside Park, West Chicago—54,000 people. Neither RALPH CHURCH nor I would consider that great outpouring of people as a tribute to either one of us, because many valuable prizes were awarded that day.

Nevertheless, on that occasion I had scores of people shake my hand and tell me that RALPH CHURCH was their friend, and that they were happy to hear me speak in his behalf. It was, in my opinion, a great tribute to our deceased and beloved colleague—when the tide was definitely running against us politically. In that year he was elected by a substantial majority when Republicans all over the Nation were being defeated.

Mr. Speaker, it was during that crucial campaign that I was invited to his beautiful and lovely home in Evanston—a stone's throw from the campus of Northwestern University where he received his law degree after graduating from the University of Michigan. At that time I wondered how one who had studied so hard at Michigan and Northwestern, and who had served his country in the armed services during World War I could find time to win so many friends.

It was because of his thorough background, his basic training, his natural friendliness and most important, the help of his cultured wife, a graduate of Wellesley. He also had served several years in the Illinois State Legislature. There he proved his worth.

Mr. Speaker, I reveal no secrets when I say that Marguerite Church is one of the brightest, most intelligent, capable, and personable women I have ever known. Every Member of this body, and particularly our wives who know Mrs. Church, will testify that she is one of the most dynamic, competent, and effective leaders that we have had in the Congressional Club in Washington. This couple had three fine children—two boys and a girl—all of whom are making splendid records of their own.

We mourn the loss of RALPH CHURCH, to see these strong family ties broken because family life is the strength of any republic. RALPH and Marguerite Church brought their children up in the faith of God and love of service to all mankind.

We need more parents like them.

At times I disagreed with RALPH CHURCH, but when he smiled at me and showed the tolerance of his spirit, the breadth of his vision, and his deep human understanding, I always melted and said unto myself: "RALPH, maybe you are right."

Mr. Speaker, this is the kind of man he was—patient, studious, hard working, forgiving, possessing the soul of kindness which could win the stoniest heart.

I could, but will not say more because words are weak and sentences are frail to express what one truly feels.

May the love of God, which passeth all understanding, rest upon and abide with his loved ones, and may the example he set as a loyal, true American, as a hard working, conscientious, and fearless legislator be a beacon light to inspire and lead us all on to better days.

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TUESDAY, *March 21, 1950.*

Mr. ALLEN of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, we are deeply shocked with the realization of the sudden passing this morning of our colleague, RALPH E. CHURCH. For many years he has faithfully served a splendid constituency. He earned this continuing confidence of his people by his friendliness, industry, and devotion to duty. He was in the midst of an earnest presentation to the Committee on Expenditures in the Executive Departments of a matter of great interest to his people when he was suddenly stricken.

He passed away as a soldier fighting on the battlefield of peace for principles he regarded as vital to the welfare of his country. He will leave a deep impress upon all of us who in life were privileged to associate with him.

I hesitate to enter the sacred circle of a family sorrow, but I am impelled to express the hope that to those who more intimately mourn, the God of consolation may visit you with the comfort that garrisons the heart against the devastating effect of pain, and that in time you may come to feel that in his life he typified the deepest meaning of life's devotion to family and to Nation.

Mr. Speaker, I yield to the minority leader, the gentleman from Massachusetts [Mr. Martin].

Mr. MARTIN of Massachusetts. Mr. Speaker, I join with my good friend, the distinguished gentleman from Illinois [Mr. Allen], and the Members of the Illinois delegation, in expressing my deep regret in the great loss that has come to them. We of the House have lost a loyal colleague, a patriotic citizen, and a good friend.

RALPH CHURCH had labored with us for a good many years. During that period of time, we had come to admire him for his love of country and his devotion to the land that had given him every opportunity. He was a man of courage and of tenacious purpose. He believed strongly in principles and he fought strongly for those principles. He put the best interests of America above his own ambitions.

It was fitting that this courageous, fighting Congressman should be stricken while aggressively battling for a cause that was dear to his heart. Overcome by his emotion for the cause that he represented, RALPH CHURCH passed away from this world, teaching us the frailties of man and emphasizing that we are apt to be called at any moment by the Great Divinity. We mourn his loss. We mourn this great Christian gentleman who will no longer be with us. We mourn an able Congressman; we mourn the death of a patriotic American and a beloved friend.

To his good wife and family, we extend our deepest sympathy in their hour of sadness.

Mr. ALLEN of Illinois. I yield to the distinguished majority leader the gentleman from Massachusetts [Mr. McCormack].

Mr. McCORMACK. Mr. Speaker, the passing of our friend, RALPH CHURCH, and the tragic manner in which he has gone to meet the Maker, is not only a very dramatic one, but it leaves a very deep impression upon our minds. I was with him when he died. He appeared today before the Committee on Expenditures in the Executive Departments as a witness, before the full committee. I see some of my colleagues who are members of that committee on the floor now. We will never forget that trying moment. He had presented his case from his angle with great emphasis. He had presented his case from his angle in a very strong manner. It was very apparent to me that he was laboring under a very great strain. He had emphasized his testimony with great emotion,

feeling, and strength. It was also apparent to me from the very able presentation of his testimony up to the time of his collapse that he had put many, many hours into the preparation, and each and every one of us knows what a strain that is upon us.

I am referring to this so that it will be made a part of the record that in my opinion, the fact being established that he was performing his duties, that he was laboring under such a strain that if any preexisting condition existed it was accelerated by the strain he was laboring under, and his death was hastened thereby. There is no question but that he died in the line of duty, and there is no question in my mind but that the strain he was laboring under was the aggravating circumstance which hastened and precipitated his death.

RALPH CHURCH, as we know, was a lovable character, a strong debater, and an able legislator; a man of definite views, and, even in disagreement with him, his colleagues thoroughly respected his views, because they knew he was possessed of intellectual honesty.

I join with the Illinois delegation in the expression of sorrow in his untimely passing. I also extend to Mrs. Church and her loved ones my profound sympathies, and with that expression I know goes the sympathy of all the Members of the House.

I repeat, and I say this with emphasis, that he was laboring under great difficulties. I think all members of the committee who were there, and everyone in the room, could testify to that fact. It was very apparent to me that he was laboring under a great strain. It was very apparent, and I repeat, that he had made intense preparation. Many hours were devoted to the preparation of his material that enabled him to formulate his thoughts and to give the testimony that he did to the committee this morning. As a Congressman, he was performing his duty. As a layman, it seems to me that the intensity of feeling that he was pos-

sessed of aggravated his condition and hastened and precipitated his death. Medically, I think that fact could very easily be established.

RALPH CHURCH'S death is a sad blow to the House of Representatives.

Mr. ALLEN of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Pennsylvania [Mr. Rich].

Mr. RICH. Mr. Speaker, an hour and 15 minutes ago I sat in the Committee on Expenditures in the Executive Departments and listened to RALPH CHURCH give what I thought was probably his best presentation of any argument I have ever heard him make in Congress since he has been a Member. As the majority leader has just related, he had been working hard trying to present his side of a case in which he was very much interested.

I have known RALPH CHURCH ever since he came to Congress and I have always considered him one who was trying at all times to do what he thought was best for his constituents and for the people of this country. He was honest, honorable, and fearless. We will all mourn his passing. To me it was a great shock.

I have been here in Congress for a good many years and have seen men pass on, but this was as sudden as any I have seen since I have been a Member of Congress. He seemed to slump over his work, and all seemed to be gone. He certainly died a martyr to the cause in doing what he thought was necessary for him to do in order to represent the people of his district as one would want his district to be represented.

He was a fraternity brother of mine and we had many things in common. We belonged to the Phi Kappa Psi fraternity. Many times we discussed questions of a more or less personal nature. I feel that in the passing of RALPH CHURCH I have lost a real friend.

In concluding, I want to quote a little poem, the author of which I do not know, but which seems to fit this occasion, at this moment:

And so they sleep forever and a day;
Of that great quietness they do not tell;
Only the face of nature seems to say
That all is well
Through all the ages death has ever lain
The fact toward which we move the price of thought—
Benignity of fate that takes again
The pain it brought.
Is there more love than this? Great peace they sought,
They tell us nothing; and o'er the hill
The stars rise ceaselessly, and time is naught.
Let us be still.

Mr. ALLEN of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Illinois [Mr. Price].

Mr. PRICE. Mr. Speaker, the members of the Democratic delegation from the State of Illinois join their Republican colleagues in paying this final tribute to a friend.

I knew RALPH CHURCH from the first day he served in this House, although at the time I was not myself a Member. I have been close to him. Like all the other Members of my Democratic group from the State of Illinois, I held him in high esteem. He was a sincere man, one whom we admired for the energy he put into his work.

He had a distinguished public record in the State of Illinois in the State general assembly, and also here as a Member of this House. I concur wholeheartedly, as I am sure all my colleagues from Illinois do, in the remarks of both the minority leader [Mr. Martin] and the majority leader [Mr. McCormack], as to the record of Mr. CHURCH in this body. I extend to his family my deepest and most sincere sympathy.

Mr. ALLEN of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Illinois [Mr. Arends].

Mr. ARENDS. Mr. Speaker, with my colleagues from Illinois and all other Members of the House, I was shocked beyond words this morning to learn of the death of my good and true friend, RALPH CHURCH, who in line of duty as a Representative of the Thirteenth District of Illinois, when presenting testimony before the House Committee on Expenditures in the Executive Departments left us in death.

It has been both my privilege and my pleasure to know and associate with RALPH CHURCH from the day we were both elected as Members of the Seventy-fourth Congress, which Congress first met in January 1935. During these many years of our association, I came to respect and admire my colleague, RALPH, for the things he stood for and the many things he constantly was doing for somebody. In fact, because of his ever earnest desire to be of help to his fellow men and to serve his district well, the life of RALPH CHURCH has come to an abrupt end. Truly it can be said of him that he died in the service of his country and fighting for those principles of right and justice which mean so much to each and every American citizen. His was a case of trying to do too much for too many, which task his physical body could not meet. Certainly it will be said of him by his friends, constituents, and fellow Americans that he fought a good fight in giving of his best that someone else might enjoy the fruits thereof.

Those of us who have lived with and enjoyed the privilege of being a friend of this outstanding Christian gentleman and legislator will miss him. The people of his district, the State of Illinois, and the Nation have lost an outstanding citizen and legislator whose first thought was of those he served and lastly of himself.

All of us extend to Mrs. Church and their fine family our sincere and deep sympathy.

Death is only a quiet door
Set in a garden wall;
On gentle hinges it gives, at dusk,
When the thrushes call.

Along the lintel are green leaves,
Beyond, the light lies still;
Very willing and weary feet
Go over that sill.

There is nothing to trouble any heart,
Nothing to hurt at all.
Death is only a quiet door
In an old garden wall.

Mr. ALLEN of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from New York [Mr. O'Toole].

Mr. O'TOOLE. Mr. Speaker, death has come to RALPH CHURCH as it must to all men. But it came with such startling suddenness that the shock was much greater than usually is the case when one of our colleagues passes away. RALPH CHURCH was my neighbor for a goodly number of years. His office was immediately to the right of mine. As a result I had ample opportunity to understand him and learn his characteristics. He was without doubt one of the most hard-working men in the House of Representatives. His office would be open at 8 o'clock in the morning and frequently it would still be open at 8 and 9 o'clock at night. He was an intense student of legislation. He gave himself fully and freely to whatever legislation might be up for consideration. He understood his obligations to his people and he appreciated the confidence they had reposed in him and to them he was indeed a most able legislator.

To his wife I extend my most sincere sympathy. She was a most gracious helpmate. She was at his side constantly and had helped him in all of his endeavors. To the Members of the Illinois delegation I extend my sympathy, because I know they will miss his counsel and miss his friendship.

The people of the country, I believe, too, have lost a great legislator.

Mr. ALLEN of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from New York [Mr. Taber].

Mr. TABER. Mr. Speaker, I have known RALPH CHURCH rather intimately ever since he came here 15 years ago. He served on the Committee on Appropriations with me. He was intensely devoted to his duties on that committee and to the work that he had here in the House. He has given that last full measure of devotion to his duties. I wish to extend to his wife and his family my sincerest and deepest sympathy and my appreciation of a life well spent and devoted to his country's cause.

Mr. ALLEN of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Mississippi [Mr. Whittington].

Mr. WHITTINGTON. Mr. Speaker, the sudden passing earlier today of Representative RALPH E. CHURCH, Thirteenth District, Illinois, brought universal sorrow to the entire membership of the House. He was presenting his views on an important reorganization bill to the Committee on Expenditures in the Executive Departments when, without warning, he suddenly stopped, and in a few moments the light of his life had gone out.

RALPH E. CHURCH was well educated. He was a graduate of the University of Michigan, and he was graduated from the law department of Northwestern University. He was admitted to the bar in 1909. He continued to maintain his law office in the city of Chicago until the end.

RALPH E. CHURCH was a patriot. He served his country in war and peace. He was a veteran of World War I, and for many years he was a member of the General Assembly of Illinois. His experience as an outstanding member of the General Assembly of Illinois had prepared him for the House of Representatives.

RALPH E. CHURCH was an industrious and indefatigable worker. He was attentive to duties on his committees. He familiarized himself with all legislation submitted and considered by the committees of which he was a member through the years.

He believed in good government. He advocated a balanced budget. He urged a strong America. He believed that the strength of the United States was in the courage and in the spirit of the people.

RALPH E. CHURCH grew as he continued to serve in the House of Representatives. He increased in political wisdom and in legislative discretion. There were but few Members of the House who grew in the legislative service as RALPH E. CHURCH. His horizon broadened and his convictions deepened with the passing years.

He was devoted to his State and his country. He gave to his district the best thought and the best work of which he was capable. He was courageous to an unusual degree, and he had the courage of his convictions.

RALPH E. CHURCH lived the good life of his time. He has left to his family a good name and to his country a good record.

Mrs. Whittington and Mrs. Church for years have been associated in the work of the Congressional Club, composed of the wives of the Members of the Senate and of the House. I extend to his charming and cultured wife, and to his devoted children, my deepest sympathy. The tragic death of RALPH E. CHURCH at the period of his greatest usefulness as a legislator is a distinct loss to his district, State, and country.

Mr. ALLEN of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Nebraska [Mr. Stefan].

Mr. STEFAN. Mr. Speaker, our colleague, RALPH CHURCH, is dead in the line of duty. As this House meets there is one vacant chair. Because of that vacant chair the hearts of all of us are filled with the solemn memory of a true friend, an unswerving patriot, a Christian gentleman.

Sixteen years ago RALPH CHURCH was elected by the people of the Thirteenth Congressional District of Illinois to be their Representative in the Congress of the United States. With the exception of 2 years—during the Seventy-seventh Con-

gress, when he was not in public life—he has served his constituents faithfully and efficiently since the opening days of the Seventy-fourth Congress.

His alert mind was quick to grasp the intricate problems which confronted him. He was as aware of the tremendous stake our Republic has in international affairs as he was of the necessity for building a strong and secure Nation at home. His counsel was a valuable asset of the Committee on Appropriations. His wisdom was appreciated as a member of the Inter-Parliamentary Union. This I know. I had the privilege of serving with him on the Committee on Appropriations. I had the distinction of associating with him as a member of the Inter-Parliamentary Union. I had the honor of entering Congress at the same time he did and being a fellow member of the Seventy-fourth Club.

Only yesterday RALPH CHURCH spoke to me of enjoying exceptionally good health and how he was planning for the future. This has made the shock of his passing doubly great.

The genuine sympathy of all of us who knew him goes out to Mrs. Church. She, like her beloved husband, has given unstintingly of her time and strength to make this country of ours a better place in which to live. As president of the Congressional Club, as the mother of brilliant children, as the constant companion of her husband, she had, and has now, our respect, our admiration, and our enduring friendship. In her hour of sorrow we would have her feel that she is not alone.

Today, in a committee room far from his home, a Christian lawmaker died. He died without warning in the performance of his duty to those who had elected him to office. Many of those who helped to send him to Congress did not know him nor did he know them. It has been said that there is no greater glory than "he who would lay down his life for a friend."

I believe that there is a glory even greater than that.

I believe that it is a far, far greater glory to give one's life serving people whom you have never seen, who have never seen you.

I believe that RALPH CHURCH has gone to his God, blessed with the highest tribute a mortal man may own—"He was a trusted servant of his fellow man."

Mr. ALLEN of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Illinois [Mr. Reed].

Mr. REED of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, like all of you, I was greatly shocked this morning to learn of the death of our colleague, RALPH CHURCH. He and I were freshmen in the Seventy-fourth Congress.

I had known him prior to his service in Washington, when he was a member of the General Assembly of Illinois. Although I was not a member of that body, I had occasion quite often to visit Springfield, where it convened. His service in the Illinois General Assembly was similar to his service here. Energetic and conscientious, he endeavored at all times to represent the people of his district to the very best of his ability. Those of us who have served with him in this House know how diligently he tried to understand in detail the intricacies of every piece of major legislation that came before the Congress for consideration. In addition thereto, he studied exhaustively the bills pending before the committees of which he was a member. These efforts on his part and the multitudinous duties that are necessarily required of a Congressman representing a populous constituency such as his were a tremendous strain—too great for his physique to support. He died while in performance of his public duties to his Nation and his State.

RALPH CHURCH was born on a farm in Vermilion County, Ill. He was educated at the University of Michigan and Northwestern University and attained the degrees of master of arts and bachelor of laws. He was admitted to the Illinois bar in 1909 and commenced the practice of law in Chi-

cago. In 1916 he was elected to the General Assembly of Illinois. While serving his first term in that body, he volunteered for military service in the war that was then upon us. Honorably discharged, he again sought his seat in the assembly and was triumphantly reelected. He served 16 years in the legislature of our State. In 1934 he was elected to Congress, where he served for almost 14 years. As a member of the Committees on Naval Affairs, Expenditures in the Executive Departments, and Appropriations, respectively, he distinguished himself for his punctuality, his willingness to work, and his keen appreciation of the responsibilities that were his to assist in formulating legislation of great importance to the prosperity and security of our Nation.

He leaves to mourn his passing his devoted wife, two patriotic and accomplished sons, one dutiful and charming daughter, and a host of friends and admirers in Illinois and Washington.

His end, though sudden and tragic, is perhaps the way he would have preferred to have had it. Indeed, it was appropriate that on this, the first day of spring, when we think of sunshine, buds, flowers, and things beautiful, the soul of RALPH CHURCH should ascend from his earthly body, onward and upward to a new, happy, peaceful, and everlasting life in the realms of the hereafter.

Mr. ALLEN of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Virginia [Mr. Gary].

Mr. GARY. Mr. Speaker, it was my privilege to serve on the Committee on Appropriations with RALPH CHURCH. He was one of the most conscientious members of that committee. He was a man of strong convictions, and he had the courage to fight for those convictions—a characteristic which is greatly needed in these uncertain times. He was an indefatigable worker, and his services will be sorely missed by our committee and by the Congress of the United States.

I extend my heartfelt sympathy to Mrs. Church and the family.

Mr. ALLEN of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Michigan [Mr. Rabaut].

Mr. RABAUT. Mr. Speaker, there is no question about the propriety of the eulogies to our colleague who passed to the great beyond this morning. But to me there is a tremendous example in his sudden leaving. No man knows the ways of the Lord, for it is written, "I will come like a thief in the night." It recalls the words that I once read in an old cemetery:

> Remember, man, as you pass by,
> As you are now so once was I;
> As I am now so will you be.
> Remember, man, eternity.

Members in committee this morning witnessed a soul-stirring example which, in all its silence, thundered a warning to the Members of Congress, both as to the safeguarding of their health and as to their spiritual state in the eyes of Almighty God.

RALPH CHURCH, it seems, left us at a time when he was setting a most perfect example. He was at his duty. That is the splendid example he leaves us—his strenuous devotion to his people, to his Nation, and to the principles which he espoused.

I would conclude by saying:

Father, be near me when my feet are slipping o'er the brink, for it may be I am nearer home, nearer now, than I think.

Mr. ALLEN of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentlewoman from Massachusetts [Mrs. Rogers].

Mrs. ROGERS of Massachusetts. Mr. Speaker, I am profoundly shocked and deeply saddened by this sudden passing of our friend and colleague, RALPH CHURCH. Although I speak with a heavy heart, I am glad I am here at this

moment to express briefly a few words in tribute and in honor of this fine gentleman and public servant from the great State of Illinois.

For many years I have enjoyed the pleasure and honor of knowing RALPH CHURCH and serving with him here in Congress. During all these years he was courteous, considerate, and cooperative. He always tried to be helpful and never tried to gain or take advantage in word or deed. He was honest in every sense of the word. His word was his bond. His scrupulous intellectual integrity was matched by his actions and honesty of purpose. His high principles, able leadership, and excellent qualities were well known by the people in his congressional district, for they elected him many times to the general assembly of Illinois, as well as to the Congress of the United States. The 35 years of his public service is noteworthy testament to his outstanding achievements for his State and his country. The people of Illinois, in his district and throughout the State, knew RALPH CHURCH well. They knew they could depend on him. They knew he was always trying to help them. Illinois has lost one of its most outstanding citizens. Congress has lost the counsel and able leadership of a very fine gentleman. The country has lost a great patriot. We have lost a friend.

Having served for many years on the old Naval Affairs Committee, RALPH CHURCH was a strong friend of the Navy. He believed in sea power. He fought for many years to build our Navy into a strong, efficient, effective military force. He was among the few who worked long and diligently to prepare our Navy for the heavy responsibilities of the last war. He knew full well that a nation to win the war must have control of the sea. Prior to the war he held the rank of lieutenant commander in the United States Naval Reserve. Two of his sons are officers in the Naval Reserve. In full accord with many of the Members of this House, RALPH CHURCH strongly believed that during these eventful last few years the Navy has been reduced in strength to the point of

placing the security of the country in jeopardy. He was a loyal, true American, firmly believing it is the duty of Government to see to it that the country is secure against all enemies from without as well as within. RALPH CHURCH was always the same. He was of the people, with the people, and for the people, that this Nation under God might continue to be the finest place in the world to enjoy the fragile comprehension we know as life.

Only just yesterday, RALPH CHURCH asked me to have luncheon with some of his constituents and himself. During this luncheon he discussed the fact he was going to testify today before the Committee on Expenditures in the Executive Departments. He fulfilled his intention. He spoke of how deeply he felt about what he hoped to accomplish by his testimony. During the luncheon he mentioned the vast importance of trying to get across to the people behind the iron curtain what we wanted to do for the world, and how it could be accomplished. Strangely enough, he spoke of women in politics, women that were holding office, and women that were doing work for the benefit of the country and the world. RALPH CHURCH had a deep and tremendous admiration and love for his wife. My deep sympathy goes to her. I think his admiration for his wife and his anxiousness to help her, for he knew she had helped him, is one of the reasons he was so courteous and just and fair to women.

Knowing RALPH CHURCH, as all of us do, we know that he would want events to happen as they did. We know that when he was called he would want to be in full harness, working at top speed. We know he would want to have been on the job serving his people and his country. This was the way he walked with God through the exit from the stage of life.

Mr. ALLEN of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Illinois [Mr. O'Brien].

Mr. O'BRIEN of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, as a Member of Congress from Illinois, I wish to express my sincere regrets on the sudden and untimely death of our colleague, RALPH E. CHURCH, with whom it was also my privilege and satisfaction to have served in the Illinois Legislature a number of years ago when he represented the Sixth District of Illinois, and I represented the twenty-first.

The people of his congressional district have lost a faithful servant and an untiring worker in their interest. Those who served with him in Congress were in a position to observe best and at close range, his ability, and to recognize his outstanding courage.

His conscientious devotion to duty, a virtue inherent to his character, will serve as his memorial, and I sympathize with his family on their irreparable loss.

Mr. ALLEN of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Kentucky [Mr. Bates].

Mr. BATES of Kentucky. Mr. Speaker, it is indeed fitting and appropriate that this legislative body pause today to pay tribute to one of our Members who was so suddenly taken away from us this morning. To know RALPH CHURCH was to love him. It has been my privilege to serve with him during the Eighty-first Congress on the Appropriations Committee's Subcommittee for the District of Columbia. With his passing this House has suffered a most untimely loss and I have lost a deep friend. His diligent attention to his duties and his high regard for this Nation and for everything that is America inspired us all. RALPH CHURCH was a man endowed with high ideals and a devotion to his country and to his God. It is, indeed, fitting that if he had to be taken from us that he be taken in the act of fighting for these same ideas for which we all respected him. His passing comes as a shock to his many friends and admirers here in Washington and in his own district. They will be consoled, I am sure, by the mark of friendship and respect their Con-

gressman has left on all who knew him and by an outstanding record he has compiled for service to his fellow men. We often wonder, I am certain, why God sees fit in his omnipotent judgment to take away from us our loved ones and those who are leading lives devoted to the service of humanity and, yet even at a time like this, we are serene in God's goodness and graciousness and console ourselves in the fact that death is only the beginning of life and that even now our beloved colleague is at home with Him who is the giver of eternal life. My heartfelt sympathies are extended to his widow and to his family. They will be consoled, I am sure, by the thought that their distinguished father and husband has been called to a higher service and that some day they shall be united with him again in "that city foursquare whose maker and builder is God."

Mr. ALLEN of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Illinois [Mr. Dawson].

Mr. DAWSON. Mr. Speaker, a soldier passed on today before my committee, a Member of this House, the distinguished Congressman from my State of Illinois, RALPH CHURCH, while testifying there on a matter that concerns every person within these United States. I never heard him, and I have heard him often, give a finer dissertation upon the subject matter he was interested in. I never heard a person show greater concern or more earnestness in his delivery than did our distinguished colleague on this occasion. So I say to you, passing away as he did, carrying out his duty as he saw it, he died a soldier on the field of battle. I grieve with you in his passing. My heart goes out to his loved ones. But I am sure if that great soldier, RALPH CHURCH, could speak to us now and speak to his loved ones, he would speak in the words of a great poet who said:

> When all is done and my last word is said,
> And ye who loved me murmur, "He is dead,"
> Weep not for me for fear that I should know
> And sorrow too that ye should sorrow so.

When all is done and in the oozing clay
Ye lay this cast of hull of mine away
Pray not for me, for after long despair
The quiet of the grave will be a prayer.

When all is done, say not my day is o'er,
That through the night I seek a dimmer shore;
Say, rather, that my day has just begun;
I greet the dawn and not a setting sun when all is done.

So RALPH CHURCH has gone from us today, but he has gone to a land that is better than the one he occupied here, and while we grieve for him we honor him in the memory of his sincerity, his straightforwardness, and his honesty with us all.

Mr. ALLEN of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from California [Mr. Holifield].

Mr. HOLIFIELD. Mr. Speaker, I too wish to express my profound sorrow at the tragic occurrence of this morning before our Committee on Expenditures. Our colleague RALPH CHURCH, of Illinois, was making one of the finest presentations I have ever heard. It was obvious that he was making it with great feeling, great seriousness, and great intensity. It so happened that it was on a subject about which he and I disagreed. Last Wednesday he placed in the Record an article on this subject and on the following Friday, in all friendliness, I took the opposite position and put an article in the Record answering his argument. Just before his testimony he came up to me as I was seated in the committee and asked that he might proceed without interruption in his testimony. I, of course, gladly granted him that privilege. It was during this fine presentation that the tragedy occurred.

I want to pay tribute to his earnestness and his sincerity. This will be a more than ordinary blow, I know, to Mrs. Holifield, because she was very closely associated with Mrs. Church and enjoyed the friendship of Mr. and Mrs. Church,

as did I. I express my sympathy to her and her family in this great loss.

Mr. ALLEN of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Illinois [Mr. O'Hara].

Mr. O'HARA of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, for many years I enjoyed the warm friendship of RALPH CHURCH. Perhaps longer than any other Member of this body have I known RALPH CHURCH. Twice death has struck the Illinois delegation since we came here in 1949, and twice my heart has been broken. I never knew a finer man than RALPH CHURCH.

When I came here a freshman and a Democrat, the smile of RALPH CHURCH met me. I never saw him that he did not greet me with a cheery word. He was a great, fine man. The last time I saw him his face was rich with the sunshine of a happy heart as he spoke of his two fine sons and the daughter who was his pride, and of his wife who had shared with him the burdens of a rich public service.

I recall not many days ago the gentleman named by the Democrats to oppose him in the elections in November met him here in Washington, and despite the fact that they were miles apart in philosophies and in politics, and soon were to be contesting at the polls, there were no barriers in the mind of RALPH CHURCH, and none in that of his Democratic opponent, to friendly appreciation of the qualities of friendship. RALPH was happy that he had no opposition in the Republican primary and equally happy that his Democratic opponent had no opposition in the Democratic primary. He was that human. As a Member of the Congress he was a tireless worker. Late on Saturdays, and often on Sundays, I have seen him going to and from his office. He never took a vacation. His very life he gave to the service of his constituents and of his country.

My heart is broken. To me, something has left this Chamber. As I will look over on the other side in the remaining days I will vision the inspiring presence of RALPH CHURCH.

Mr. ALLEN of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Illinois [Mr. Gordon].

Mr. GORDON. Mr. Speaker, saddened and shocked, I rise to pay tribute to our colleague, RALPH CHURCH, whom Almighty God has just taken from our midst.

In his lifetime, RALPH CHURCH won the love and respect of all who knew him. His service record is replete with constant diligence and outstanding accomplishment in unselfish devotion to his country.

His many friends keenly feel shock and grief at his departure, and I know that I speak for all of us when I say that we are affected with a depth of sorrow that cannot be measured by mere words.

It is only fitting that he should have departed from us while he was engaged in arduous legislative efforts, as he would not have wanted it otherwise.

We are now engaged in the most critical period of our legislative history. RALPH CHURCH has played an important and unselfish part in that history. The accomplishments which we achieve here will serve as a memorial to his departure.

May he rest in eternal peace.

Mr. ALLEN of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Idaho [Mr. White].

Mr. WHITE of Idaho. Mr. Speaker, it has been a privilege to know and work with my colleague from Illinois, RALPH CHURCH. Mr. CHURCH was a man of fine convictions. You always knew where the gentleman from Illinois [Mr. CHURCH] stood on any issue that he advocated.

He was a convincing debater, a strong party leader, honorable and fearless. We will long miss the steadying influence of RALPH CHURCH, of Illinois. I extend my heartfelt sympathy to Mrs. Church and his family.

Mr. ALLEN of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Illinois [Mr. Vursell].

RALPH EDWIN CHURCH

Mr. VURSELL. Mr. Speaker, just a few moments ago I received a telephone call informing me of the unfortunate death of our colleague, RALPH CHURCH. His passing seems to indicate that out of the arduous tasks of the Members of the House, too often come their early separation from this body.

He seemed to be in the best of health, from all outward appearance, and we who served with him hoped, naturally, that he might finish out the long career of service in this body which appeared to stretch out before him for many years in the future.

His early and sudden passing today should serve to remind us all, that in our work here we should do our best as time gives us the opportunity, because we do not know how soon or how suddenly we shall have to lay down our burdens.

It has been my pleasure to know RALPH CHURCH for some 25 years and to know well his splendid wife, and to have met his fine children. They, fortunately, will never have to remember his official acts or his acts in private life, other than in the spirit of pleasant memories and adulation for the clean and useful life he lived, and the honorable and valuable service he has rendered his Government he so faithfully served. He disagreed with many of us at times, but he had the courage of his convictions. As a member of the Illinois Legislature for a number of years, and as a party leader in Chicago, he always held the respect and confidence of his people. In his work in the Illinois House of Representatives as in this body, he exemplified the finest type of clean, personal character. He exhibited the greatest possible interest in the future welfare of his Nation. He had the courage to do what he thought was best for the country at all times.

Mr. Speaker, this is a most unfortunate day for the Members of the Illinois delegation and for the Members of this Congress because a splendid man in the service of his country has answered the last call.

I wish to extend to his family my sincere condolences and I know that the Members of the House all join with me in this expression of sorrow to his wife and children.

Mr. ALLEN of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have five legislative days within which to extend their remarks in the Record on the life, character, and public service of RALPH CHURCH.

The SPEAKER. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Illinois?

There was no objection.

Mr. JACOBS. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the delegation from his neighboring State of Indiana, we join with his good colleagues from Illinois in mourning the untimely death of Representative RALPH CHURCH.

His memory is hallowed even more in view of his passing on while fighting for the causes in which he believed.

To his bereaved we all extend our sincerest sympathy.

We join in the tribute expressed here today by those with whom he had labored for almost two decades.

Mr. VELDE. Mr. Speaker, it is with a grievous feeling of emotion that I say just a few words in loving memory of Representative RALPH E. CHURCH, a dear, close colleague from my home State of Illinois, a fellow member of the Illinois bar and brother Methodist.

RALPH CHURCH'S passing came as an extreme shock to those of us who knew him so well. I feel it is rather significant that his passing should come while he was hard at work testifying before a congressional committee, speaking out for what he firmly believed was for the best interests of America.

There are very few Members of Congress who can match RALPH E. CHURCH'S record of attendance in the House. He gave unselfishly of his time, and no group of people appreciated that more than those of the Thirteenth District of Illinois who have always elected him to Congress by overwhelming majorities. The people of the State of Illinois will always be grateful for his distinguished service in the State legislature and for his volunteering for service during the First World War.

RALPH EDWIN CHURCH

Words can never express fully the empty feeling which is ours in mourning the passing of a dear friend, RALPH CHURCH, a true patriot and devoted public servant.

Mr. JENISON. Mr. Speaker, perhaps the most telling testimonial to the esteem for RALPH E. CHURCH is to be seen in the sense of loss as expressed so universally by the Members of the Congress on receipt of news of his sudden death. On every hand could be heard the immediate response most indicative of sincere feeling. For Representative CHURCH was a man who won the admiration of his colleagues for his untiring energy and unwavering devotion to the causes in which he believed. His interests ran the entire scale of governmental activity, and he accepted responsibility far beyond the measure of the average person.

As a member of the Illinois delegation, I enjoyed the privilege of knowing Representative CHURCH well and of working with him closely. He was born in my congressional district and maintained a continuing interest in the problems of that district, as he did so well in his own. He was particularly helpful to me as a new Member, for he was never too busy to give helpful counsel to a colleague less experienced than he was in the service of the people.

Illinois and the Nation have lost a distinguished public servant in his passing. No leader in public life set for himself higher standards in the performance of his duty, and no one came closer to living up to those high standards. In diligence, in conscientious attention to public duty, in study and intelligent understanding of the problems of the Congress and the Nation, he had few, if any, equals.

The circumstances of Representative CHURCH'S untimely passing were characteristic, for death came at a moment when he was battling with vigor and understanding for a principle of government he regarded as vital to the welfare of his country. His loss is a loss for the Nation when leaders of his fidelity to the public trust are sorely needed.

I join most sincerely with my colleagues in expressing sympathy to his wife and children. Words provide but little consolation in such an hour, but the esteem they indicate reflects the obvious truth that a great sense of loss is shared by all who knew Representative CHURCH.

Mr. SIMPSON of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, upon my return this morning from Illinois where I spent the week end, with deep regret I learned of the passing of RALPH CHURCH.

Mr. Speaker, since I have been a Representative I have never known a more loyal or a more industrious Member of Congress who worked in behalf of his district than RALPH CHURCH. Living at the same hotel for the past 8 years with RALPH and Mrs. CHURCH, I have seen him almost daily. I have noticed him leave to attend committee meetings and sessions of the House when he should have taken time out for a hospital rest. His attendance record is of the best, and his district knew and appreciated this. RALPH'S assignment with the Committee on Appropriations called for long, difficult, tedious hours. No constituent from his district or from Illinois ever lacked prompt, courageous attention on the part of RALPH CHURCH.

Mrs. Church and the Church children—Lt. Ralph, Jr., Lt. William, and Miss Marjory—all have the sincere sympathy of this Eighty-first Congress in the passing of an illustrious husband and father.

Mr. Speaker, the Thirteenth Illinois District, the State, and the Nation should know and realize that RALPH CHURCH was a Representative in Congress who just worked out his heart, which will only stand so much. Seven terms—14 years—RALPH CHURCH honestly and conscientiously gave.

AT THE LAST

There is so little to be said
Within the presence of the dead,
Although so calm and still they lie,
They know what friends are standing by.

Whose eyes are filled with tears, and who
Have hurried in their tasks to do.
The years have taught them all these things,
Who heeds the door bell when it rings,
Who is the first to come and stay
And kneel beside the bier and pray.

They know whose hands the flowers arranged
And if they didn't, t'would be strange.
If love has prompted us to give
Devoted service while they lived,
They know that we will carry on
And still be true, altho' they're gone,
They know we'll do the last sad tasks
Which love or friendship ever asks.

There is so little to be said
Within the presence of the dead,
For always in the lonely room
Made lovely by a bower of bloom,
Their peaceful faces seem to say
"I knew that you'd be here today."

—*Edgar A. Guest.*

Mr. BISHOP. Mr. Speaker, may I extend my remarks to include the following:

The unexpected passing today of Congressman RALPH E. CHURCH removes one of Illinois' most distinguished citizens. Following a successful law career, he was elected as Representative to the Illinois State Legislature and later volunteered for military service, where he served his country faithfully and well. Prominent in club circles, a member of the Phi Kappa Psi and Delta Chi Fraternities, a Shriner, a real Christian gentleman, RALPH CHURCH will live forever in the minds and hearts of his fellow associates.

As a member of the Illinois delegation in Congress, it has been my privilege to be closely allied with Congressman CHURCH for the past 7 years. His foresight, tolerance, and sincerity of purpose have been outstanding among his many admirable characteristics. His actions were always controlled by diligence and the courage of his convictions. While these words may be dictated by an affectionate remembrance,

they still ring true: RALPH E. CHURCH was a man of real value to his State and Nation, and in his death has been lost an unusual citizen and public servant of surpassing usefulness.

To Mrs. Church and the other members of his family I extend heartfelt sympathy and commend them to Him "whose love never faileth." How fittingly your husband and father could have exclaimed in the language of St. Paul: "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith."

Mr. MICHENER. Mr. Speaker, I wish that RALPH CHURCH might be here and listen to these memorial services. It is too bad that so many of the flowers are reserved for the funeral. It is just a couple of hours since the death angel beckoned and Mr. CHURCH's number was called.

The remarks on this occasion are necessarily extemporaneous and without preparation. They are words coming from the hearts of those uttering them. There is necessarily much repetition, because, regardless of our race, creed, color, or political affiliation, there is one common denominator in each address. In short, RALPH CHURCH lived such a life in the Congress that he merited the respect, confidence, and affection of all of us. He was always a militant fighter for what he believed to be right and had the courage and ability to defend any position he took on any public question. His friends were limited only by his acquaintances. He had adversaries because he seldom agreed for the sake of expediency. Fundamentals meant just that to him.

When Mr. CHURCH came to Congress his office was across the hall from my office. I soon learned to know him well and I heartily support the assertions made here today that there was no more conscientious and hard-working Member in Congress. Friends often cautioned him that there was a limit to human endurance. Nevertheless, accepting these suggestions with a smile, he proceeded on his own course. The end is tragic. However, I am sure he would have pre-

ferred to go down in the thick of battle rather than take the less rugged road.

Mr. Speaker, RALPH CHURCH will be missed—yes; greatly missed—not only in the Thirteenth Illinois Congressional District and the State of Illinois but also in Washington, and especially in the Halls of Congress.

I join with my colleagues in paying this tribute of respect to the life and character of a splendid man. His fine wife and children have our sympathy.

Mr. McMILLEN of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, RALPH CHURCH died as he would desire, in the front trenches of the line of battle, fighting intensely in carrying out the duties of his office and for principles in which he profoundly believed.

No one had greater devotion of duty and patriotism than that which reached to the innermost part of his soul.

I desire at this time to extend my deepest sympathy to Mrs. Church and his children.

Mr. POULSON. Mr. Speaker, we naturally were greatly shocked and grieved to hear of the sudden death of our esteemed colleague in the line of duty. It has been my privilege to work with RALPH CHURCH and I would like to pay my respects to him in these few words. He was a gentleman in every sense of the word, friendly, courteous, considerate, and honest. He was energetic, persistent, and capable and he possessed the greatest attribute needed in legislators today: the courage to back up his convictions.

Mr. ALLEN of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following resolution (H. Res. 517).

The Clerk read as follows:

Resolved, That the House has heard with profound sorrow of the death of Hon. RALPH E. CHURCH, a Representative from the State of Illinois.

Resolved, That a committee of four Members of the House with such Members of the Senate as may be joined be appointed to attend the funeral.

Resolved, That the Sergeant at Arms of the House be authorized and directed to take such steps as may be necessary for carrying out the provision of these resolutions and that the necessary expenses in connection therewith be paid out of the contingent fund of the House.

Resolved, That the Clerk communicate these resolutions to the Senate and transmit a copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

The resolution was agreed to.

The SPEAKER. The Chair appoints as members of the funeral committee the gentleman from Illinois [Mr. Allen], the gentleman from Illinois [Mr. Reed], the gentleman from Illinois [Mr. Jonas], and the gentleman from Illinois [Mr. Linehan].

The Clerk will report the further resolution.

The Clerk read as follows:

Resolved, That as a further mark of respect the House do now adjourn.

The resolution was agreed to.

According (at 12 o'clock and 56 minutes p. m.) the House, pursuant to its previous order, adjourned until tomorrow, Wednesday, March 22, 1950, at 11 o'clock a. m.

WEDNESDAY, *March 22, 1950.*

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Carrell, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate had adopted the following resolution (S. Res. 242):

Resolved, That the Senate has heard with profound sorrow the announcement of the death of Hon. RALPH E. CHURCH, late a Representative from the State of Illinois.

Resolved, That a committee of two Senators be appointed by the Vice President to join the committee appointed on the part of the House of Representatives to attend the funeral of the deceased Representative.

Resolved, That the Secretary communicate these resolutions to the House of Representatives and transmit a copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

Resolved, That as a further mark of respect to the memory of the deceased the Senate do now take a recess until 12 o'clock meridian tomorrow.

The message also announced that pursuant to the provisions of the above resolution the Vice President had appointed Mr. Lucas and Mr. Douglas members of said committee on the part of the Senate.

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TUESDAY, *March 21, 1950.*

Mr. HOLLAND. Mr. President, I ask that the Presiding Officer lay before the Senate the resolution which has come from the House respecting the death of Representative RALPH E. CHURCH, of Illinois.

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following resolution from the House of Representatives, which was read, as follows:

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Resolved, That a committee of four Members of the House with such Members of the Senate as may be joined be appointed to attend the funeral.

Resolved, That the Sergeant at Arms of the House be authorized and directed to take such steps as may be necessary for carrying out the provision of these resolutions and that the necessary expenses in connection therewith be paid out of the contingent fund of the House.

Resolved, That the Clerk communicate these resolutions to the Senate and transmit a copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

Resolved, That as a further mark of respect the House do now adjourn.

Mr. HOLLAND. Mr. President, at the request of the two distinguished Senators from Illinois [Mr. Lucas and Mr. Douglas], I offer a resolution and ask unanimous consent for its immediate consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The resolution submitted by the Senator from Florida on behalf of the Senators from Illinois will be read.

The resolution (S. Res. 242) was read, as follows:

Resolved, That the Senate has heard with profound sorrow the announcement of the death of Hon. RALPH E. CHURCH, late a Representative from the State of Illinois.

Resolved, That a committee of two Senators be appointed by the Vice President to join the committee appointed on the part of the House of Representatives to attend the funeral of the deceased Representative.

Resolved, That the Secretary communicate these resolutions to the House of Representatives and transmit a copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is on agreeing to the resolution.

Mr. SALTONSTALL. Mr. President, as the acting minority leader, I am sure I express the thoughts of every Member on this side of the aisle when I say we extend our deepest sympathy to Mrs. Church on the sudden death of her husband, Representative CHURCH, of Illinois. I knew him personally. I have been in his home in Evanston, Ill. I know of the high regard in which he was held by the citizens of Evanston. His loss will be severely felt by his constituents in Illinois whom he served faithfully and well, and his colleagues in the Congress and all who knew him, will mourn his death.

Representative CHURCH was a hard-working, energetic, sincere man. He was always frank in his expressions. He presented with great courage and sincerity his views upon matters under consideration in the House. I know he took a great deal of pride in making things agreeable for new Members of Congress at the Congressional Club, of which his wife is now president.

Mr. President, I have a personal sense of loss in the sudden death of Representative CHURCH, of Illinois.

Mr. HOLLAND. Mr. President, I did not have the pleasure of a long and intimate acquaintance with Representative CHURCH, but I did have the pleasure of meeting him several times at the Congressional Club. I found him to be a distinguished gentleman, a patriotic American of the first water.

I know that his passing will be a source of very great grief to all Members of Congress, and that it will be a real loss to all our people.

Mr. DOUGLAS. Mr. President, in the death of RALPH CHURCH, Illinois and the Nation have suffered a very real loss. Mr. CHURCH was a member of the Illinois State Legislature beginning in 1916. He resigned from the legislature to enter the armed services of the country in the First World War, serving in the Navy. He returned to the legislature after the war, where he served with distinction. He was elected to Congress and placed upon the Naval Affairs Committee, where he rendered distinctive service.

One of the most extraordinary records which Representative CHURCH, I think, has made is that during his entire service in the House of Representatives he never missed a roll call. I think this record will probably never be attained by anyone else who may serve in either branch of the Congress. This perfect record of attendance indicates the conscientiousness with which he approached all his tasks.

Representative CHURCH studied all bills carefully and made up his mind about them. He felt that he must discharge his duty by voting upon them. When he returned to his district he was very energetic in meeting his constituents, becoming acquainted with all their problems, and expressing, in the House, what he believed to be their point of view.

Mrs. Church, his wife, with whom we grieve at the loss of her husband, is one of the most distinguished women of the State of Illinois. She is a graduate of Wellesley College. She has been president of the Wellesley Alumnae Association. She has, I believe, been a trustee of Wellesley College, and has been active in all good causes in Chicago.

Although a member of the opposing political party, I find myself feeling real sorrow at the death of Representative CHURCH. The country has lost a good citizen.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is on agreeing to the resolution submitted by the Senator from Florida [Mr. Holland] on behalf of the Senators from Illinois [Mr. Lucas and Mr. Douglas].

The resolution was unanimously agreed to.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair appoints the senior Senator from Illinois [Mr. Lucas] and the junior Senator from Illinois [Mr. Douglas] as the committee on the part of the Senate to attend the funeral of the deceased Representative.

Mr. DOUGLAS. Mr. President, as a further mark of respect to the memory of the deceased Representative, I move that the Senate take a recess until tomorrow at 12 o'clock noon.

The motion was unanimously agreed to; and (at 6 o'clock and 23 minutes p. m.) the Senate took a recess until tomorrow, Wednesday, March 22, 1950, at 12 o'clock meridian.

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